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BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 1,800,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
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CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.
Shanghai, EMMET JAMISON, Esq.
LONDON, BANKERS, London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)
WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.
CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

RECENTLY ARRIVED.

FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED CUTLERY.

WATERLOO'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.
DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.
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CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.
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SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).
TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.
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A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English
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NEW and POPULAR BOOKS,
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MUSIC & SONGS,
by First-class Composers.
OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES.
Very Fine "O. K."
BOURBON WHISKY.
CHATEAU DE FRANDS.
(A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.)
BRANDIES, GIN.
LIQUEURS.
ALE, &c.

FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co.,
Sole Agents for China.
Hongkong, February 18, 1879. my19

Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 89, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of considering the Special Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on the 10th day of March, 1879.

Dated this 10th day of March, 1879.

By Order,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH (ORDINARY) MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. ma24

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING Shareholders are requested to send in an ACCOUNT of BUSINESS CONTRIBUTED during the half year ended 31st December 1878, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ap1

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE AGENTS FOR

COURCIER and ADET'S CLARETS.
COGNAC and BRANDY.
CHUBB'S SAFES.
WHITBREAD'S STOUT.
VAN HOBOKEN'S GIN.
FOSTER'S BOTTLED ALE and STOUT.
SILBER LIGHT LAMPS.
FRENCH JAMS, Confiture de St. James.
STARKEY'S GOLD LACE and OFFICERS' DECORATIONS.
BAXTER'S CANVAS.
KOHNSTAMM'S CHAMPAGNE.
W. T. ALLEN & Co.'s ORNAMENTAL IRON WORK.
GILBEY & SONS' WINES.
BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE.
LETT'S DIARIES.
ISIGNY BUTTER.
TEACHER'S WHISKY.
CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.
THE NEW LIFE JACKET.
LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS, OVERLAND MAIL, and THE HOME NEWS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Beg to call Special Attention to the following Departments:—

COAST ORDER DEPARTMENT:

ORDERS from the COAST or OUT-PORTS are Promptly and Carefully Executed. Goods not in Stock will be procured, if possible, in the Colony.

SPECIAL ORDER DEPARTMENT:

BOOKS, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, ORNAMENTAL HOUSE or GARDEN FITTINGS, FURNITURE, PIANOS, MEDICINES, BILLIARD TABLES, ARMS, &c., &c., ordered from ENGLAND, at a Commission (all trade discounts being allowed) on the laid down cost, of 5 per cent. on amounts over, and 10 per cent. on amounts under \$100.

FORWARDING AGENCY:

PACKAGES of CURIOS, TEA, PRESERVES, &c., &c., forwarded to any Address in the UNITED KINGDOM by each P. & O. Mail, Charges in full collected either here or from the Consignees as desired. Particulars required with each Package are, Contents for declaration at Customs and value for insurance.

Hongkong, February 27, 1879.

EIGHT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN

THE CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT,

Authorized by Imperial Decree dated the 14th Day of the Ninth Moon of the Fourth Year of Kwong-Sü (9th October, 1878.)

Haiquan Tael 1,750,000—Shanghai Tael 1,949,500 Stock.

In Bonds of Shanghai Tael 500 each, bearing Interest from 11th April, 1879.

The First Instalment of Interest being payable on 5th October, 1879, in HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

The Bonds are redeemable at PAR WITHIN SIX YEARS (1884) by HALF-YEARLY (ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR) DRAWINGS.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN HONGKONG.

PRICE OF ISSUE—PAR.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION hereby

invites SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SHANGHAI TAELS 1,787,000 of 8 PER CENT. Bonds at the issue PRICE OF PAR, payable as follows:—

SHANGHAI TAELS 10 per cent. on application.

90 " 15 days after allotment.

100 " 15 days after allotment.

The Bonds will bear interest at the rate of Shanghai Tael eight per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly according to the Chinese Calendar, as per annexed Schedule, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai.

The first payment of interest on the full amount of each Bond will be payable on 5th October, 1879, at the above-mentioned places.

The Bonds will be redeemed at par within six years (1884) by 11 half-yearly Drawings, commencing 5th October, 1879, of Shanghai Tael 162,500 each, the balance of the Loan, Shanghai Tael 162,500, being paid off on 9th August, 1884.

The Drawings will take place in Hongkong in February and August in each year, and the Bonds so drawn will be paid off at par on the respective dates specified in the annexed Schedule at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong (at current rate of Exchange for Demand Bills on Shanghai) and Shanghai, after which dates interest on the Bonds so drawn will cease.

The Loan has been authorized by an Imperial Decree, dated 9th of October, 1878.

The Loan, principal and interest, is specially secured by the hypothecation of the Imperial Maritime Customs' Revenue of the ports of Shanghai, Foochow, Canton, Ningpo and Hankow—the five Ports which have the largest Customs' Revenue of the Empire—to the extent necessary for the due payment of interest and repayment of principal of the said Loan.

The special hypothecation of Customs' Revenue to meet the charge of the present Loan is constituted by the deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation of Customs' Bonds, signed by the Viceroy and Governors of the respective Provinces in which the Ports referred to are situated, which Bonds will be held by the Bank in trust for the holders of the Loan. These Customs' Bonds will be received, in case of need, in payment of Customs' Duties.

Certified Translations of the Official Documents authorizing the Loan, may be inspected at the Office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong and Shanghai.

Default in payment of my instalment at the due date will render all previous payments liable to forfeiture.

If no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and if only a portion of the amount applied for is allotted, the balance of the deposit will be applied towards the payment of the final instalment.

Bonds to Bearer will be issued against Allotment Letters and Bankers' Receipt.

Principal. Interest. Total.

1st Instalment due 5th October, 1879.....162,500.00...59,325.81...221,825.81

2nd " 30th March, 1880.....162,500.00...63,021.70...225,521.70

3rd " 23d September, 1880.....162,500.00...66,717.58...229,217.58

4th " 16th March, 1881.....162,500.00...70,413.46...232,913.46

5th " 12th September, 1881.....162,500.00...74,109.34...236,609.34

6th " 8th March, 1882.....162,500.00...77,805.22...240,305.22

7th " 26 September, 1882.....162,500.00...81,501.10...244,001.10

8th " 23d February, 1883.....162,500.00...85,196.98...247,696.98

9th " 21st August, 1883.....162,500.00...88,892.86...251,392.86

10th " 14th February, 1884.....162,500.00...92,588.74...255,088.74

11th " 8th August, 1884.....162,500.00...96,284.62...258,784.62

Shanghai Tael.....1,787,000.00 415,867.86 2,202,867.86

Applications (Forms of which can be obtained at the offices of the Bank) accompanied by a deposit of Shanghai Tael Ten per cent., will be received by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation until the Eleventh day of April, 1879, on which date the allotment will be made.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, AGENTS

ISSUING THE LOAN.

(Signed) T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1879.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR. EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 50, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878.

Auctions.

LAND AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction,

ON

SATURDAY,

the 22nd March, at Noon,—

INLAND LOT, No. 173, measuring about 57½ Feet by 47 Feet, and having frontages on Wellington, Graham, and Gutzlaff Streets.

There is Room to erect Four Chinese Houses.

The Crown Rent is \$44.51.

The central position of this Lot makes it a most desirable investment.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the Purchase Money on the fall of the hammer, the remainder on completion of the Transfer. Expenses of Transfer to be borne by the Purchaser.

Hongkong, March 11, 1879. mr22

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND CANTON-MADE

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

MANTEL-PIECE MIRRORS, ENGRAVINGS, CROCKERY-WARE, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

THURSDAY,

3rd April, 1879, at 2 p.m., at the Residence of C. VOGEL, Esq., No. 2, Queen's Road.

The whole of his SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

Comprising:—

Brown Rep-covered Mahogany Drawing-room Suite, Marble-top Blackwood Round Table and Tea Poy, Sets of Canton Tea Poy, Flower Stands, Canton Vases, Mantel-piece Mirrors, Engravings and Chromo Lithographs, Fender and Irons, Lace Curtains and Cornices, Drawing-room Billiard Table with Marking Board, Cues, &c., &c., Teak-wood Dining Table and Whatnots, Sideboard, Arm Chairs, Green and Gold Dinner Set, Hand Painted Dessert Set, Glassware, Platedware, Cutlery, Ice Chest, Meat Safe, American Bed with Spring and Hair Mattresses, Couch, Chairs, Cheval Glass, Lady's Writing Desk, American-made Bureau, Wardrobe, Marble Top Toilet Table and Mirror, Marble Top Washstand and Services, Chest of Drawers, Clothes Horse, Bath Tubs, Commodore.

Also,

A COTTAGE PIANO, by DOERFEL STEINFELSER & Co.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole will be on view the day before the Sale.

TERMS.—Cash before delivery in Bank Notes.

Hongkong, March 19, 1879. ap3

PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,—

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY,

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES of GROUND close to the water, viz.:—Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PREMISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILL, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FITTINGS.

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNSON, Solicitors, Supreme Court House, Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 6, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "NAMO," Capt. WESTBY, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 20, 1879. ma28

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. CULLEN, shortly due, will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 20, 1879.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship "SCOTLAND," Captain ATKINSON, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 12, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Bark "T. A. GODDARD," Captain SMITH, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 12, 1879. ap12

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A 1 American Ship "CHARMER," Captain LUCAS, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 7, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Schooner "FORMOSA," BURGWARDT, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "GOLDEN RULE," LEWIS, Master.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch.

MEYER & Co.,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

F. HUTCHINGS begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply **BEEF, MUTTON, &c.**, from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shed - WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 98.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.-WOOSUNG RIVER.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 31st March, 1879, Geometrical Signals will be substituted for the flags now in use at the Woosung Inner Bar Station, showing the depth of water on the bar during the day.

An explanatory diagram, showing the signals which indicate the depth of water from 10 feet to 24 feet and which show the same in approaching the signal station both from Shanghai and from seaward, is added herewith.

To indicate a rising tide a ball will be hoisted at the mast head.

In case of there being greater or less depths of water than here given, the number of feet will be signalled by the "Universal Code of Signals" at the mast head, and the half feet by a red and white flag at the yard-arm.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,

Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghai, 31st Jan., 1879.

Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South	North	Depth of water in feet on Bar.	South	North
10	▲	◆	17	◆	◆
10 1/2	▲	◆	18	◆	◆
11	▲	◆	18 1/2	◆	◆
11 1/2	▲	◆	19	◆	◆
12	▲	◆	19 1/2	◆	◆
12 1/2	▲	◆	20	◆	◆
13	▲	◆	20 1/2	◆	◆
13 1/2	▲	◆	21	◆	◆
14	▲	◆	21 1/2	◆	◆
14 1/2	▲	◆	22	◆	◆
15	▲	◆	22 1/2	◆	◆
15 1/2	▲	◆	23	◆	◆
16	▲	◆	23 1/2	◆	◆
16 1/2	▲	◆	24	◆	◆
17	▲	◆	24 1/2	◆	◆

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 99.

CHINA SEA.

PEIHO RIVER.-TIENSIN DISTRICT.

TAKU BAR LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th instant, the Hulk "Aden" sank at her moorings outside the Taku Bar, in 8 fathoms at low water springs.

The "Taku Bar Light," which was exhibited at her Mast, will therefore be discontinued for the present.

By order of the Inspector-General of Customs.

GERALD E. WELLESLEY,

Acting Engineer-in-Chief.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Engineer's Office, Shanghai, 14th March, 1879. ma25

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

NHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Capt. D. A. radi. ru-Meyer & Co.

CRAIGIE LEA, British barque, Capt. A. I. Winther. Butterfield & Swire.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH, German brig, Capt. A. H. Krenke. Wieler & Co.

GOLDEN FLEET, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire. Gilman & Co.

ONIDA, British ship, Captain S. Clyma. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

FLEET CASTLE, British steamer, Capt. Jno. Kilder. American Bell & Co.

JAN PETER, German barque, Capt. Kih. Ewert. Meyer & Co.

URANOS, Norwegian barque, Captain L. Berg. Arnold Karberg & Co.

CHOICIA, British barque, Captain John Harrison. Douglas LaPrak & Co.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Capt.-Off Clothing, Boots, or PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship **GALICIA**, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature here, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 19, 1879. ma26

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE GERMAN BARK **JAN PETER**, FROM ROTTERDAM.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 19, 1879. ma26

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship **Scotland**, Captain Athlinton, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama, unless Notice to the contrary be given before noon to-morrow.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 19, 1879. mr26

FROM HAMBURG AND LONDON.

THE British Ship **Onida** having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, March 17, 1879. ma24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Ex "Ava."

H. J. A. H. (in cross) No. 107, A'dridge Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from London.

Ex "Amazona."

M. F. (in diamond) J. W. P. (underneath) No. 4045, Order, 1 case Cotton, from London.

J. H. H. No. 14, Order, 1 case Hosiery, from London.

B. S. M. H. (in cross) No. 157067, Order, 2 bales Woollens, from London.

Hongkong, March 15, 1879.

NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 404.-By ERNEST JOHN KIRZ, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Prior Five Dollars, or Two Dollars AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, OXFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1879.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship **"CHINKIANG,"**

S. M. Oze, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 22nd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879. mr22

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship **"EMERALDA,"**

Capt. CULLEN, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879. ma24

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.

The Steamship **"SCOTLAND,"**

Captain ATKINSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 24th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879. ma24

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship **"VOLGA,"**

Commandant ROLLAND, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 p.m.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship **"ANADYR,"**

Commandant BAURET, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on SUNDAY, the 23rd instant, at Daylight.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. **ANADYR.**

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. **Euphrate**, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are hereby landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before TO-DAY, the 21st instant, at 1 p.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, via OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer **ALASKA**

will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 16th April, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

On THROUGH PASSAGES TO EUROPE, a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT. from Regular Rates is granted to OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY, and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 14th April. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 21, 1879. ap15

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 20, **Panay**, Spanish steamer, 645, G. Geyenches, Manila March 17, General.

March 20, **Penado**, British steamer, 662, John Cain, Saigon March 14, Rice - MELCHERS & Co.

March 20, **Choise**, British barque, 304, J. John Harrison, Keelung March 16, Coal - DOUGLAS LA PRACK & Co.

March 21, **Anadyr**, French steamer, 2440, Brunet, Marseilles Feb. 9, Naples 11, Suez 13, Aden 20, Galle March 7, Singapore 13, and Saigon 17, Mails and General - MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.

March 21, **Chinkiang**, British steamer, from Canton.

March 21, **Atlanta**, German steamer, 793, Petersen, Haiphong March 14, and Haiphong 19, General - MEYER & Co.

March 21, **Ningpo**, British steamer, 761, R. Oase, Swatow March 20, General - SIEMSEN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 20, **Feronia**, for Saigon.

21, **Orakio** for Takow.

21, **Ningpo**, for Canton.

21, **Killamey**, for Swatow.

CLEARED.

Inevitable, for Callao.

Chinkiang, for Shanghai.

Three Brothers, for Quinhon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per **Anadyr**, for Hongkong: from Marseilles, Messrs Marshall and Hay, Mr and Mrs Thomas, Messrs Von Fustau, and F. Stewart, Mr and Mrs Russell and family, and Monsieur A. Victor, from Galle, Messrs Bilen, and Hyde, from Singapore, Messrs Musgrave, and Jamieson, from Saigon, Mr and Mrs Symphor, and 49 Chinese. - For Shanghai, from Marseilles, E. E. H. H. H. H.

ness Ambassador) and suite, Mrs Cooper, Messrs Pearce, de la Polerie, de Poesel, Mr and Mrs Perotta, and 2 Chinese; from Singapore, Mr Roetzill. - For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Messrs Mulder, Mercier, Maramba, Monama, Rolohol, Plaisier, Simoda, Yabbe, Sennagaglia, Plois, and R. P. Boileau; from Suez, Mr Courriere and servant; from Batavia, Mr Nourwood.

Per **Panay**, from Manila, Messrs Pedro Goyanes, Antonio Davila, Jose Cardell, Fanne Cardell, Antonio Cardell, Santiago Cardell, and 4 Second-class.

Per **Atlanta**, Mr Constantin, Mr and Mrs Jelesee and 2 children, from Haiphong; Rev. Southere, from Holhow; 2 Europeans deck, and 11 Discreet Seamen from British ship **Golden Spur**.

Per **Penado**, from Saigon, 8 Chinese.

Per **Ningpo**, from Swatow, 45 Chinese, and 1 European deck.

Per **Killamey**, for Swatow, 20 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per **Chinkiang**, for Shanghai, 40 Chinese.

Per **Three Brothers**, for Quinhon, 2 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer **Penado** reports: Fresh monsoon from Cape St. James to Padaran; then light Northerly winds to Paracels, thence to land strong monsoon and high head sea with rain at times.

The British barque **Choise** reports: Strong weather throughout with thick weather rain and lightning, wind veering from N.E. to West and very unsteady throughout. Ships left in Keelung: British barque **Fraser** bound for Amoy.

The German steamer **Atlanta** reports: Left Haiphong 14th inst., arrived Holhow 15th, left Holhow 19th, and arrived Hongkong 21st. Haiphong to Holhow, in Holhow and Hainan Straits fresh Easterly wind and thick rainy weather, thence to port moderate monsoon and cloudy.

The British steamer **Ningpo** reports: Experienced light airs and smooth water throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-

For SHANGHAI.-

Per **Chinkiang**, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 22nd inst.

For YOKOHAMA.-

Per **Volga**, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 22nd inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.-

Per **Yamoa**, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 22nd inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SHANGHAI.-

Per **Anadyr**, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 22nd inst. Late letters received from 5.10 to 5.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For TAKAO AND YOKOHAMA.-

Per **Egean**, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 24th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.-

Per **Scotland**, at 4.30 p.m., on Monday, the 24th inst.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanio). -

Per **Atlanta**, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 24th inst.

For BANGKOK.-

Per **Rajanattianur**, at 4.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 25th inst.

For SAIGON.-

Per **Flintshire**, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 27th inst.

might form a thorough protection for goods properly sized, while it might not be so for goods containing certain deleterious substances. At all events, the learned scientific dissertations on the part of the doctors who differed does not appear to have had much weight with the practical jurymen.

In his summing up, it is gratifying to note that the Lord Chief Baron took high ground. He said:—

Gentlemen, the case before you is one of high and commanding importance, which calls for and will doubtless receive your deliberate and careful attention—important as regards the interests of the parties to the cause, which are in a pecuniary sense considerable, and because it may be found to involve considerations bearing on and affecting the national character and commercial reputation of the manufacturers of this great commercial country. It is no notorious from communications received from other countries and through foreign ministers that the manufacturers have been charged with deliberately cheapening their wares and productions exported to Europe and America with materials and ingredients which are cheap, but render the article of less commercial value and unfit for the purposes of a commerce unequalled in the world. Far be it from me to impute any intentional unfair dealing to the defendants. It may be that through negligence or accident, through ignorance, error, or mischance of those employed by them, some deleterious substance has been used which has had a bad effect on nearly one-half of the merchandise sold to the plaintiff. From what cause is for you to determine.

After referring to the comparatively unfrequent occurrence of this particular and special discoloration complained of by the plaintiff, his Lordship called the jury's attention to the fact that no witness had been called who mixed the size to explain exactly its ingredients, proportions and quality. He looked in vain for such evidence to reconcile the conflicting accounts. It had been proved that there was 17 per cent. greater moisture in the damaged cloth than there was in the sound goods; and they knew that moisture and heat were just the causes that produced mildew on goods that had to pass through the torrid zone round Ceylon on this route to China. The defendant, on his oath, had said he used 80lb. farina, 600lb. China clay (as against 589lb. in the sound goods), 55lb. tallow (as against 25lb. in the sound goods), 58 quarts (as against 56 in the sound goods); and his Lordship suggested that an inferior size might have been applied to the damaged goods and a better one to the undamaged cloth. He did not suggest anything wilful on the part of the defendants, but mere negligence would be enough to give the plaintiff a verdict.

The Jury retired, and requested specimens of the damaged cloth and the Dacca twist, with the sizing and the manufacturing books; and after an absence of forty minutes, they returned a verdict for the plaintiff; for whom judgment was entered for £1573 14s. 4d.

Upon the whole case, the remark may well be made that not only is "Honesty the best policy," but it is fortunately the only policy that can safely be pursued in furthering that commerce which is unequalled in the world. It is to be hoped that the alternative of selling by means of washed samples may never have to be submitted to; but honest goods must be imported into China, at all hazards. The judgment in Provand v. Langton & Riley may have a beneficial effect; and, as plaintiff's counsel said, in future perhaps manufacturers will be compelled to take more care in sizing their goods.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line). LONDON, 19th March, 1879.

THE CAPE.

Advices from the Cape report the Zulus inactive. The Chancellor of the Exchequer has fixed the 27th March for the debate upon the Zulu War.

MANDALAY.

All is quiet in the Capital, and the King has assured the Resident that he does not anticipate any further disturbances.

LONDON, 19th March, 1879.

In replying to a question the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated that there is no immediate prospect of a dissolution of Parliament.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The next ENGLISH MAIL may be expected here on Sunday next, the 23rd inst., by the P. & O. steamer *Khiva*. The next AMERICAN MAIL may be expected here on the 9th of 10th April, by the P. M. steamer *Aloha*. The next AUSTRALIAN MAIL (Torres Straits) may be expected here about Tuesday next, the 25th inst., by the E. A. steamer *Bowen*.

The delivery of the French Mail was begun at 10 this morning.

FRYEN of the crew of the late British ship *Golden Spur* arrived here to-day per S. S. *Atalanta*.

The London Gazette notices that the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr José Velez as Vice Consul at Peking for the King of Spain.

The Danish ship *Bury St. Edmunds*, Captain C. Radehyer, which left Hongkong on the 15th February, bound for Elephant

Point, Rangoon, passed through Singapore Straits on the 8th instant, and wished to be reported.

The Chinese community of Calcutta, says the *Statesman*, numbers a thousand souls. They first settled there about a hundred years ago, and, like their fellow-countrymen in Burmah, have no rivals in carpentering, shoe-making and pig-feeding.

H. E. Kuo, (late Chinese Ambassador to the Court of St. James) and suite, arrived here to-day per M. M. steamer *Anadyr*, from Europe. He landed this afternoon at Murray Pier and was saluted by the Battery. Mr F. Stewart, Inspector of Schools, is also amongst the passengers per *Anadyr*.

It would appear that the insurrection in Hainan has not yet been entirely suppressed. We hear that one of the Viceroy's gunboats will leave for Hoihow in a few days and will convey a number of junks laden with rice for the use of the Imperialist troops. The Hakkas, relying on the promises held out by the Chinese Authorities, agreed to surrender on condition that their lives and property would be spared, but they naturally objected to be sent to Canton to have their heads chopped off. Hence the necessity for an addition to the Imperial Commissioner.

RUMOURS reach us from Singapore to the effect that Mr C. C. Smith, the present Colonial Secretary of the Straits, may possibly be called shortly to England with a view to his promotion. At first sight this appears to be a somewhat wild surmise, but it is supposed, by those who are in a position to know, that the star of our former Registrar General is decidedly in the ascendant; and it is even hinted that a governorship is not very far from the reach of the officer referred to. It would seem that the curious freak of fate which brought about Mr Smith's departure from Hongkong was the best thing that could have befallen him.

As the S. S. *Ningpo* was leaving Swatow she grounded on soft mud, and was got off with the assistance of the S. S. *Douglas*. The weather continued bad yesterday, and consequently the gunboat which was to have gone to watch the wreck of the *Teso* had not left Swatow; she will probably be there ere this, as the weather has taken a turn for the better. The American steamer *Sea Gull*, which left this yesterday for the wreck having on board an experienced diver with the necessary appliances, will probably have been able to do some good service to-day, and as there is plenty of cargo on board which will float, it may be practicable to save something in this way, even though it be found impossible to do anything further at present.

TO-DAY, about noon, a disgraceful affair happened at Peddar's Wharf, which should go a long way to secure more effectual police arrangement for that quarter. Three gentlemen passengers from the French mail steamer *Anadyr*, were coming on shore with their baggage in the *jampan*; as soon as the landing pier was reached a gang of coolies rushed at the boat as only Hongkong coolies can rush, to seize the passengers' luggage and carry it off for them, *volens volens*. Clinging to the side of the boat they caused her to cant to one side, and seven or eight packages of luggage were thrown into the water, portmanteaux, valuable guns in cases, boxes, hat-cases &c. were all thrown into the harbour. One of the passengers was thrown off his balance by the boat being so nearly capsized, and found himself waist deep in the water. The coolies seeing they had made a mess of it turned tail in a body, and made for home. A Sikh policeman was close by at the time but made no attempt to lay hold of any one, or to follow them, or give assistance, or anything else. He simply says an eye witness, "stared like a fool and waved his hands like a windmill." First impressions are very often of much moment, and last for a long time. There is little temptation to enquire into the nature of the first impressions of those who are treated in this way on landing or after attempting to land here; but a few moments' reflection will show that it is high time such gross and glaring outrages were put a stop to. This is not by any means the first case of the kind that we have heard of. We have heard of many such happenings, but we are sorry to say have never yet heard of the roughs being caught and punished for their lawless proceedings, as they ought to be.

THERE were very few cases at the Police Court to-day, and none of any public interest, with the exception of two which seemed that the police are still on the alert to wipe out public gambling-hells from the Colony. A raid was made last night by a party of police under Inspector Craddock, on two of these hotbeds of iniquity in the neighbourhood of Square Street, Tsing-shan, which were caught in full swing. In the one house about 17 men were arrested, and in the other 28. One of the gamblers, in attempting to escape, got a nasty, but not serious cut in the forehead, through running against some blunt instrument. A great deal of excitement was occasioned in

the neighbourhood, the streets being blocked with Chinese, although not the least opposition was offered the police in the execution of their duty. It is quite probable that these two houses have been doing a thriving business undisturbed for some time; the crowd which collected was, in all probability composed of the dupes from whom the masters of the gambling dens had derived their profits. In one case the two men who were identified as the "bankers" acknowledged that they had acted in that capacity, but said that they only did so on behalf of their friends. Mr May gave them to understand that they were none the less offenders, and as they were unable to mention even the names of their friends he told them that this attempt to shield themselves from the consequences of their misdeeds only aggravated their guilt. They were each fined the full penalty of £200 or six months' hard labour and ordered to be exposed in the stocks at the scene of their offence. The others were variously fined \$5 and \$3 with the alternatives of 21 days' and 14 days' hard labour each. Mr May while telling them that they were punished because they had broken the law, said that at the same time he was sorry to think they could have been such blind dupes as to imagine that they could win anything by gambling, pointing out that even when they succeeded in winning they were mulcted in a percentage for the benefit of the harpies who preyed upon them, so making themselves in reality losers. The game played in these houses was not Fan-tan proper, but Chalk-min-yung; it is played by manipulating half a dozen dice in a basin with the hand. Were an ordinary basin used it would send forth a ringing sound as the dice strike its sides, which any one at all acquainted with the game could detect if within hearing; to prevent attracting the attention of unwelcome passers by the business in these houses were set in blocks, which entirely deaden the sound, in the same manner as one can stop the vibration of a bell by placing his fingers on the rim. The gambling dens here are having a scare at present, and if the Police persevere, the game of the gamblers will soon not be worth the candle.

BOOKED FOR HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI:—Per *Peiho*, Feb. 23.—Mr and Mrs Kleinewachter, for Hongkong. Miss Vogler, Mr and Mrs Rodwell, Mr Gustave Peters, Mr W. F. Sharp, for Shanghai.

Sindh, March 9.—Mr Max d'Hauterive, Mr Dubois, for Hongkong. Mr P. Evans, Mr G. Kuki, Mr W. Turner, Mr F. S. Desnon, for Shanghai.

Swatow, Feb. 6.—Miss Walker, Comdr. S. H. Rich, Armoured Sergt. J. Winters, wife and child, Mr R. James, for Hongkong. Mr A. R. Dent, for Shanghai.

India, July 20.—Mr R. C. Johnston, for Shanghai.

Poonah, March 6.—Mr T. B. Elliott, Mr Oliver, for Hongkong.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"THE NEXT ENGLISH MAIL," To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

HONGKONG, March 21st, 1879.

SIR,—I have been seriously puzzled by the notices that appear in the papers as to the mails leaving Singapore, and shall be glad if you can administer relief to my troubled mind. In your paper of the 17th inst. (to take a random case) I find that "the *Khiva* left Singapore yesterday morning (the 16th)." In your next day's paper, I find this—"The Agent of the P. & O. Co. informs us that the *Khiva* left Singapore at 8 a.m. yesterday, the 17th." Again in your paper of February 18th:—"The *Bokhara* left Singapore for Hongkong at 6 p.m. on Sunday the 16th inst.," while the previous day's paper states:—"The *Bokhara* left Singapore yesterday morning, (16th)." Now, how is it? Does the P. O. steamer generally leave in the morning and go back again for something that has been forgotten, and then leave again in the evening? Or is there some blundering somewhere? And how does it happen that the same confusion of the reports happens time after time? It might be worth looking into, because it is irritating to be led astray in this fashion. P. B. P.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co's steamer *Anadyr*, Captain Brunet, from Marseilles, with the London mail of the 7th February, arrived this morning. (Straits Times.)

LONDON, March 10.—A portion of the Polytechnic Institution has been saved from the fire.

Alexandria, March 10.—A new Ministry has been formed under the Presidency of Prince Tewfik, Her apparent. The Minister of Finance (Rivers Wilson) and the Minister of Public Works remain unchanged. Nubar Pasha is excluded.

LONDON, March 10.—Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question said the Government was on the eve of exchanging active communications with Yakob Khan, and which had perhaps already commenced.

(From Indian Papers.) Bombay, Feb. 15.—General Grant was present at the Volunteer Ball last night, which was a great success, over 500 being present. To-night General Grant goes to a State dinner at Government House.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—It is stated here that General Kaufmann, the Governor-General of Turkestan, has been instructed to decline all propositions that may come from Ameer Sher Ali.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—The latest news from the infected districts is that the plague is decreasing.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—News has been received that the Ameer Sher Ali's life is in danger in consequence of a dangerous attack of gangrene.

Constantinople, Feb. 23.—The Bulgarian Legislative Assembly has opened at Tirnova.

Madrax, Feb. 24.—A special telegram to a Calcutta paper of the 20th from Mandalay states that 28 Princes and Princesses, including Nyongyans of both sexes, were executed by Theobald. Trueworthy reports blame the king alone. The Indian papers urge upon the Government that prompt interference is necessary.

Calcutta, Feb. 25.—The Resident of Mandalay, in a communication of the 23rd, hopes that the murders at the palace have ceased. Several women and children of the family of the late King have been saved. The Resident's first communication elicited a reply to the effect that domestic affairs did

not concern foreign powers, and the Ministers subsequently made verbal excuses, alleging the necessities of the state. There being rumours of disturbances and insecurity to foreigners at Mandalay, the armed vessel *Irrawaddy* is ready at Thyetmyo to proceed to Mandalay at a summons from the Resident. A guard which had been sent from Rangoon landed on the 22nd, and marched under arms to the Minister's. Every facility is given, but there is still much alarm prevalent as to the safety of the inhabitants.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—In consequence of a recent disturbance in Alexandria, an English and a French frigate have gone thither to watch events.

The Times, in a leading article to-day, announces it has reason to believe the Colonists in South Africa will adopt the system of Federal Government. The first call of the City of Glasgow Bank has yielded a total of two millions pounds sterling. It is announced that the liability of the bank has diminished while the assets have increased, and full payment is expected.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—At Haddington election the Liberal candidate has been returned.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—Major-General Clifford has been attached to the staff of Lord Chelmsford.

In the House of Commons last night Mr W. B. Smith, the First Lord of the Admiralty, introduced the Navy estimates for the ensuing financial year, amounting to £10,562,500, thus showing a decrease of £1500,000 as compared with last year.

The Liquidators of the City of Glasgow Bank have notified that they refuse to pay any dividend to the holders of Messrs. Nicol and Company's drafts.

LONDON, March 1.—The latest advices from the Cape state that the Zulu chief, Cetewayo, is concentrating his forces preparatory to invading the province of Natal, but that the Tugela river is at present unfordable.

Holders of Nicol and Company's drafts who have not signed a deed of release will receive payment of dividends of the City of Glasgow Bank in common with the other creditors.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—In the House of Commons yesterday the Army Discipline Bill for amending and consolidating the Mutiny Act with the articles of war, was read the first time.

News has been received of the defeat of the Kashgar rebels by the Chinese. The rebels were routed, and forced to return into Russian territory.

Bombay, Feb. 27.—Yesterday, the Chief Magistrate dismissed the charges of criminal misappropriation, criminal breach of trust, and cheating, preferred against Keesowjee Naik and the other Directors of the Fleming Mill Company. A week's time was allowed to the counsel for the prosecution to consider whether he should proceed on the other information filed in reference to the three other Mill Companies.

Rangoon, Feb. 27.—Mandalay letters which arrived here last night report the number of executions as greatly exaggerated. The total number of persons executed is about 82. Everything is quiet in the city.

Madrax, March 2.—The Calcutta agent from Burmah has started for Calcutta with credentials from the King to the Viceroy. The mother and sister of Prince Nyongyuan are now refugees at Calcutta. It is believed that they escaped from being killed.

THE ARGHAN CAMPAIGN.

Calcutta, Feb. 24.—News from Candahar on the 20th reports that a respectable inhabitant of Candahar had arrived from Persian Sabzar. His journey lasted 29 days, and he reports that the road is very difficult and unsafe. The informant was in the employ of the Persian Governor of Seistan till 24th November, when he went to Tcheran Seistan was then perfectly quiet and in peaceful possession of the Persians, who had crossed the frontier, but had not returned. Khudai Nazir has stopped supplies from reaching Candahar from Ghazni. Yakob Khan has sold by auction the property of Sirsardars who are at Jellalabad. Troops are now employed from Thul to Peiwar Kohal in making roads on the left bank of the river; as soon as the snow melts sufficiently, a road onwards to Alkhal and Rokhan will be made. One foot of snow on Shutergerdan. Several Mongol Maliks from the Khoist frontier have gone to Candahar to pay their respects to Yakob Khan and take his orders. Information from Kandahar says that reports of the affair near Chummen show that the officer in command acted with commendable discretion in punishing the villagers. It is not known that Lushkar Khan, who was a notorious robber, was directly connected with persons who murdered our followers, but he was found with a large number of armed men, and when summoned to surrender, fired on our troops; he was, with some followers, killed in the encounter. Good news, 4 days old, received at Kandahar on the 19th stated that the families of Mir Afzal Khan and other Kandahar Sirsardars had reached the vicinity of Herat but were refused admittance into the city. The irregular Cavalry raised at Herat for service at Kandahar were disbanded on hearing of the capture of Kandahar. In Arghandab grain revenue has been collected, and supplies are readily obtained. The troops are returning by that valley to Kandahar, survey officers accompanying. In the Arghandab Valley supplies are procured easily, troops are returning thence to Kandahar by Marut. Survey work on both lines connected with fixed points determined at Khelat. Postal communication between Kandahar and Khelat Ghilzai having been interrupted and a sower murdered, a full inquiry was instituted, and a detachment of cavalry under Colonel Browne proceeded to the villages of Tarnak valley, implicated several Maliks, who were apprehended; full information regarding the murder was obtained. The murderers are still untraced; the case being proceeded with. The effect was satisfactory and postal communication is reopened. The headquarters and troops accompanying marched to Solkha on the Kandahar side of Tarnak valley. Severe weather and extreme cold have disabled many cavalry and foot reports are received from all troops detached. The health of the troops and followers is excellent. Corvees with European stores had been received and Bhochas drawn from the country. The troops in Helmand valley are enjoying a milder climate.

Calcutta, Feb. 25.—A force, consisting of two guns, a troop of the 10th Hussars, a Squadron of Guides, 700 men of the Rifles and Guides of the 1st Sikhs, under General Jenkins, left Jellalabad on the 22nd for Lughman Valley, in hopes of selling Afghani Khan, sent by Yakub to stir up the tribes against us; they took three days

provisions. Orders have been received to begin the building of a fort at Jellalabad to hold a large garrison. Next week a reconnoitring party goes beyond Gundamak. The natives report that the Amir has written to Yakub instructing him to treat with the English. The report is doubtful.

Calcutta, Feb. 27.—A letter was received at Jellalabad on the 26th Feb., from Yakub Khan, dated Cabul Feb. 20th, containing overtures for the renewal of friendly relations with the British Government. A further letter dated Feb. 26th was received on the 26th to the effect that, since the despatch of the last letter, news had reached Cabul on the 26th of the death of his father on the 21st Feb., and adding that his father being an old friend of the British Government, he had sent the information out of friendship. The bearer of the letter was Shalass Shah Sower Khan, nephew of Shalass Shah Sower Khan. He was only two days on the road from Cabul. A report has been received through Peshawar that Mr Scott, of the survey department, when surveying the Shakra route eight miles from Michni, was attacked yesterday at one o'clock. Out of twenty men of the 24th native infantry we lost four killed and one or two wounded. No further particulars have been yet received.

Calcutta, Feb. 28.—General Jenkins' force returned on the 26th from Lughman Valley. Major-General Cavagnari considers the expedition to be a great success. Most of the Khans and headmen have been brought in except the Khan of Lughman, for whom hostages have been given. Many armed men were seen, but no fighting took place. A Ghazi who attempted to take the life of a native officer of the Guides was killed on the spot. The force reconnoitred thirty miles up the Valley which was very fertile and populous. Wally Mahammed accompanied the force. There was heavy rain in the Lughman Valley and Jellalabad on the night of the 26th.

Calcutta, Feb. 28.—A report has reached Jellalabad that in consequence of rupture between Yakub Khan and General Dood-shah Khan the latter has left Cabul, but in what direction is not known. News from Turkestan says that the Amir is still at Mazhar. Sirsardars Kadeshmehra Hanan Mastumini Mahomed (sic), at Tashkend. The son of Kunar Shah, and Taktahar, the nephew of Azimullah Khan Ghilzi, have come.

(L. and C. Express, Feb. 7.) We go to record the death on the 6th inst., at 14, Markinsquare, S.W., of the Rev. Alexander Stronach, formerly Missionary at Amoy, aged seventy-eight years.

The Marquis Teung, after having taken over formal charge of the Legation in Portland-place, returned to Paris. Dr. Madartney, the English Secretary, will arrange with the Foreign Office as to the time of presenting his credentials to Her Majesty, when he returns to London.

We understand that Commander Pauli, the newly-appointed Consul for Manila, will probably not leave for his post before May. Mr Usher, Governor of Labuan, will leave next month to resume his duties. Mr Fraser, who has been Chargé d'Affaires at Peking in now on his way to England. Sir Harry Parkes, Minister in Japan, and Mr Mowat, Assistant Judge at Shanghai, have obtained leave, and may be expected home shortly.

We understand, through our Washington correspondent, that a difficulty has sprung up in the carrying out of the mission of the Chinese Minister Chen Lau Pia, in consequence of the non-ratification of the treaty with Spain concerning emigration. His visit to Madrid and Cuba has therefore been delayed.

Kuo Ta-jen arrived in Paris from London on the 31st ult., and left shortly afterwards for Berns and Geneva. His Excellency proceeded from there, via Chambéry to Marseilles, where he is to meet Lady Kuo and suite, who will embark for China by the French Mail on the 9th inst. Kuo Ta-jen will visit Genoa, Florence, and Rome, taking the steamer at Naples. His residence in this country has created a sympathy for the Chinese, the advantages of which to his own country it would be difficult to overstate. It is possible that his countrymen may not at once recognise this, but it cannot be doubted that sooner or later they will. Mr John Fryer will return by the same mail, and render any service necessary as interpreter. Previous to his departure from London his Excellency received the assurances of a large and influential class of persons of their regret at his departure.

Commander Castle, who recently paid off at the *Curlew* on return from China, has been appointed to the *Bellerophon*, flagship on the North American and West India station. Commander Lewis A. Beaumont, at present serving as commander of the flagship on the North American station, has been appointed to the gunship ship *Excellent* at Portsmouth, vice C. L. Oxley, promoted. Commanders the Hon. Richard Hare (1868), Robert Woodward (1870), R. M. Lloyd (1870), and George J. Anstuther (1870) have been promoted to the rank of captain.

The appointments of Staff Surgeons J. Dean Smith to the *Lily* and J. G. Clarke to the *Falcon*, on the China Station, are gazetted.

Captain William Graham, O.B., who has been gazetted Rear-Admiral, consequent on the retirement of Vice-Admiral Sir F. A. O. Shadwell, was specially promoted to the rank of commander for services rendered in the China war of 1857-58, when in command of the *Lee*, and awarded the China medal and Canton clasp, and mentioned in despatches.

The *Adriatic*, 14, double screw armoured-plated ship, Capt. Durrant, has arrived from the China station. The flag of Admiral Charles F. Hayllar, C.B., was struck on the 4th inst. at Plymouth, and the *Adriatic* has since left for Chatham, to pay off. The Admiralty have received information of an accident to her passage through the Suez Canal. She will be docked, in order that her bottom may be thoroughly examined.

The *Entomiser*, 14, screw corvette, Capt. the Hon. A. D. S. Denison, has left for the China station, where she will relieve the *Vinc*. The last-named vessel will return to England via the Cape of Good Hope.

A short time back the Admiralty expressed its willingness to find room in Her Majesty's ships for a stipulated number of junior officers of the Chinese Navy. There are at present four such officers attached to the fleet in the Mediterranean.

Col. Prejevalski, the well-known traveller, has just left St. Petersburg to make another trip in Central Asia. He will proceed by Orenburg, Omak, and Semipalatinsk to the Chinese frontier, thence to Hami,

Hami, and Lassa. From Lassa he intends to reach the Himalaya by the Brahmaputra. Returning thence to Lassa, he will visit Khotan, Kashgar, and cross the intervening plateau to Kussan. Khokan. The journey is to occupy two years.

The Imperial Geographical Society has awarded the Constantine Medal to Professor Nordenskjöld.

Messrs William Denny and Brothers, shipbuilders, Dumbarton, have received an order to build what, when completed, will be the largest steel vessel in the world. She is to be 4,000 tons gross, in the order of Messrs Allen, of Glasgow, and is to carry cattle and other heavy merchandise between this country and Canada, and between this country and the River Plate.

In the Admiralty Court the hearing has been commenced of an action of damage arising out of a collision between the steamship *Forwards* and the P. & O. steamship *Khieve*, on the night of the 28th of May last, off Penang.

The important action which for seven days has occupied the attention of the Exchequer Division has terminated with a verdict for the plaintiff. The defendants, Messrs. Langton and Riley, were manufacturers of cotton goods at Manchester, and Mr Provand claimed compensation for cotton goods which had been sent to Shanghai by the defendants on his order, and which on arrival, were found extensively damaged by red stains, alleged to have been caused by the use of deleterious substances in sizing. The Lord Chief Baron, in summing up, said it had become notorious that the manufacturers of this country were charged with the use of ingredients which tended to unfit the article produced for the purpose for which it was designed.

Latest Mail Advices:—Yokohama Dec. 23, Shanghai Dec. 22, Foochow Dec. 23, Hongkong Dec. 23, Manila Dec. 21, Batavia Dec. 23, Singapore Jan. 4, Gale Jan. 12. There are no later advices than the above, which were received by French mail, via Marseilles, on the 31st ult, three days in advance of its due date. The next inward P. and O. mail, bringing a week's later dates left Brindisi on the 6th inst., and will reach London on the 6th inst., two days later. The following French mail reached Swatow, per Messageries Maritimes steamer *Sindh*, on the 5th inst., three days early. The steamer *Neyard*, with the heavy portion of last inward P. and O. mail, arrived at Southampton on the 1st inst.

At a meeting of the managers of the India and China Bank held at the Oriental Bank, for the purpose of discussing the six months' Bills question, it was considered desirable to have the views of the chief London banks which accept. The meeting was adjourned to next week.

New York, Jan. 20. In the Shanghai Consulate investigation by the House Committee at Washington a discrepancy has been sworn to by two former Consulate clerks of \$1,900 as existing between actual receipts and the official fee-book. As Mr Seward refuses to appear as a witness, on the ground that an accused party cannot be required to testify against himself, and as he will not produce certain books in his possession which are called for, and for much the same reason, as well as that they are not, in his view, a part of the Consular archives, he is not unlikely to be shortly reported to the House for contumaciousness, which may involve punishment.

The gulf that exists between the assets and liabilities of the firm of Olyphant and Co., as shown by the schedules which have been filed this month, liabilities amounting to \$612,143, whilst assets, setting nominal value aside, count up to \$81,261, has taken all parties here connected with China by surprise, as much on account of the small business done as by the evidence of the length of time the firm must have been on the wane. The contrast of later and former times is indeed dramatic.

Quotations. HONGKONG, March 21, 1879.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash...\$665 credit, — Old Patna, cash... credit, — New Benares, cash...\$40 credit, — Old Benares, cash... credit, — New Malwa, cash...\$80 credit, — Allowance Teels... credit, — Old Malwa, cash... credit, — Allowance Teels... credit, —

Exchange. Bank, Wire... 3/5 30 days' sight... 3/6 6 months' sight... 3/6 1/2 a Credit... 3/6 1/2 a Documentary, 6 months' sight... 3/6 1/2 a India, Wire... 218 1/2 demand... 220 Shanghai, demand... 72 1/2 80 days' sight... 73 1/2 Bar Silver, 17 dwts. S... 109 1/2 Sycee... 109 1/2 Mexican... 1/2 % Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 fine... 28.50 Sovereigns... 5.63

Shares. Hongkong Bank, 83 1/2 prem. Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,400 North China Ins. Co., \$1,500 China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,800 Yangtze Ins. Assoc., \$1,700 Chinese Insurance Co., \$285 H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$170 China Fire Ins. Co., \$170 H.K. & W. Dock Co., 1 1/2 prem. H.K. & W. S. Boat Co., \$9 div. Shanghai Steam Navigation, \$17 1/2 China Coast St. Nav. Co., \$10 1/2 Hongkong Gas Co., \$70 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$68 China Sugar Refining Co., \$120, ex div. Chinese Imperial Loan, \$113, cum int. Do. of 1877, \$110, ex coupon

Temperature. (Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co's Premises Queen's Road.) HONGKONG, March 21, 1879.

BAROMETER—9 A.M.... 30.276 Do. 1 P.M.... 30.200 Do. 4 P.M.... 30.170 THERMOMETER—9 A.M.... 63 Do. 1 P.M.... 66 Do. 4 P.M.... 65 Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M.... 55 Do. Do. 1 P.M.... 55 Do. Do. 4 P.M.... 55 Do. Maximum... 67 Do. Minimum over night... 58

To Let.

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.
East—GROUND FLOOR, consisting of OFFICES, COMPTROLLER'S QUARTERS, and Godowns.
West—A RESIDENCE, with Business Accommodation, complete.
Gas and Water laid on.
Each of these Premises can be Let in whole or in apartments.
Apply to
E. R. BELILIOS.
Hongkong, March 11, 1879. ap1

TO LET.

GREEN MOUNT,
Possession on or before 15th May.
Apply to
GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable for OFFICES and DWELLING, also for a STORE, Queen's Road Central. Possession 1st March next.
Apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

TO LET.

OFFICES on the FIRST FLOOR, No. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD.
Apply to
J. NOBLE,
No. 8, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, March 13, 1879. ap13

TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situate on Praya East—
FIRST FLOORS of Nos. 2 and 4, Praya East.

As also.

A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier, with part of its spacious Verandah. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, MARINE LOT 65.

Also.

A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on Storage or the Yard Rented.
For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1879.

TO BE LET.

On Shamshu—Canton.

THE SPACIOUS PREMISES lately occupied by Messrs OLYPHANT & Co., comprising: DWELLING HOUSE, with GODOWN, TEA and SILK ROOMS attached.
For Particulars, apply to
EDWARD DAVIS,
Canton.
Canton, March 12, 1879. ap12

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.
Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS OFFICES and GODOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60, Praya Central.
Apply to
WO HANG,
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr F. GROBIEN in our Firm CEASES To-day.
SANDER & Co.
Hongkong, March 1, 1879. ap1

NOTICE.

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RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

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Mails.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEROT'S POSTE FRANCAISE.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. **DJEMNAH**, Commandant HERNANDEZ, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 21st March, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and Value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, March 11, 1879. ma22

STEAM FOR

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, PRINDI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON;
ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA, VIA BOMBAY.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship BOHARRA, Captain I. ORMAN, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 29th March, at Noon.
Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.
For further Particulars, apply to
A. MEYER, Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 18, 1879. ma29

Occidental & Oriental Steam

Ship Company.
TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. GAELIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of April, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.
Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.
Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 31st March. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Mr. G. D. EMORY, Agent.
Hongkong, March 17, 1879. ap1

INSURANCES.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)
NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates in Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.
J. BRADLEE SMITH,
General Agent.
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUMEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.
NORTON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

INSURANCES.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.
MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)
CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Bulk of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.
Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.
If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.
For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.
Kiahs accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.
NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.
JAS. B. COUGHRAN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE COMPANY, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.
Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.
Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1824.
Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

SWISS LLOYD TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY OF WINTERTHUR.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, have this Day taken over charge of the Hongkong Agency, and are prepared to grant INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates to all parts of the World.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.
Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in China.
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 19, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.
ESTABLISHED 1809.
CAPITAL £2,000,000.
THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, July 9, 1875.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.								
Aegon	5	Stewart	Brit.	str.	843	Mar. 19	Linstead & Co.	Takow & Yokohama
Alice	7	Bunje	Ger.	str.	1126	Mar. 19	Butterfield & Swire	South Sea Island
Andry	5	Brunet	Fch.	str.	2440	Mar. 21	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai
Atalanta	3	Peteren	Ger.	str.	782	Mar. 21	Meyer & Co.	Boihow & Haiphong
Bombay	1	Webb	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Amoy
Cheong Hock Kian	2	Webb	Brit.	str.	956	Mar. 14	Bun Hin Chan	Shanghai
Chinkiang	4	Webb	Brit.	str.	799	Mar. 21	Siemens & Co.	Messageries Maritimes
Djemnah	6	Stopani	Brit.	str.	117	Mar. 18	H. K. & W'pca Dock Co.	Y'ama & San F'isco
Flaura Castle	2	Kidder	Brit.	str.	1236	Mar. 19	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Tamsui, &c.
Flintshire	2	Thomas	Brit.	str.	1712	Mar. 19	O. & S. S. Co.	Swatow
Gaelic	2	Kidley	Brit.	str.	277	Mar. 19	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Yokohama
Hailong	5	Goode	Brit.	str.	1060	Mar. 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Coast Ports
Killarney	5	O'Neill	Brit.	str.	1675	Mar. 13	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Canton
Loudoun Castle	5	Marshall	Brit.	str.	1046	Mar. 18	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Amoy and Manila
Malacca	5	Smith	Brit.	str.	862	Mar. 20	Remedios & Co.	Saigon
Namoa	5	Westoby	Brit.	str.	781	Mar. 21	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama & Higo
Ningpo	5	Cass	Brit.	str.	606	Mar. 20	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Norna	3	Walker	Brit.	str.	646	Mar. 20	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Panay	5	Geyenschea	Span.	str.	652	Mar. 20	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Parado	5	Cain	Brit.	str.	933	Mar. 19	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Rajasthanpur	2	Hopkins	Brit.	str.	1190	Mar. 19	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Scotland	5	Atkinson	Brit.	str.	1000	Mar. 19	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Volga	5	Rolland	Fch.	str.	1000	Mar. 19	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Zephyr	1	Bauer	Brit.	str.	1000	Mar. 19	Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Sailing Vessels.								
Abbe N. Franklin	8	Howes	Amer.	bge.	460	Mar. 6	O. & S. S. Co.	San Francisco
B. P. Watson	8	Hawkins	Amer.	bge.	1126	Jan. 19	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco
Black Hawk	8	Hayland	Amer.	bge.	459	Mar. 18	Meyer & Co.	San Francisco
Carrie Wyman	7	Randall	Amer.	bge.	287	Feb. 22	Butterfield & Swire	San Francisco
Catherine Marden	4	Marden	Brit.	sm.s.	1338	Jan. 8	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Charmar	4	Harrison	Brit.	ab.	394	Mar. 20	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Japan
Chloe	8	Beadle	Brit.	ab.	1886	Mar. 9	Wieler & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Cilurnum	8	Beadle	Brit.	ab.	1886	Mar. 9	Wieler & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Coeran	8	Bail	Amer.	sch.	188	July 18	W. B. Ray	Hamburg
Coloma	4	Ball	Amer.	bge.	853	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Elizabeth Childs	4	Linbergh	Ger.	bge.	891	Mar. 3	Wieler & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Emil Julius	4	Jurgensen	Ger.	bge.	601	Mar. 19	Messageries Maritimes	Portland (Oregon)
Formosa	4	Burgwaldt	Ger.	sm.s.	282	Feb. 6	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Forward	2	Vaudeyord	Brit.	bge.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Golden Fleece	4	Wiltshire	Brit.	bge.	883	Mar. 10	Gilman & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Golden Rule	4	Lewis	Amer.	ab.	1195	Mar. 7	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Hazlehurst	8	Goodey	Brit.	bge.	877	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Herbert Black	4	Treat	Amer.	bge.	673	Jan. 2	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Highlander	4	Buthinson	Amer.	ab.	1352	June 18	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Invisible	1	Strickland	Amer.	ab.	1450	Dec. 6	Meyer & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Jacobine	3	Bang	Ger.	bge.	417	Mar. 18	Butterfield & Swire	Portland (Oregon)
Jan Peter	1	Ewert	Ger.	bge.	336	Mar. 18	Meyer & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Johann Friedrich	8	Kroncke	Ger.	bge.	242	Mar. 8	Wieler & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Julie	1	Lannay	Frech.	bge.	504	Feb. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Louise	1	Simons	Brit.	sch.	280	Mar. 16	Gilman & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Mangerton	4	Thompson	Brit.	bge.	330	Mar. 19	Wick Me Hong	Portland (Oregon)
Marco Polo	4	Brechwaldt	Ger.	bge.	358	Mar. 20	Wieler & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Marquis of Argyll	8	McKeon	Brit.	bge.	500	Dec. 24	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Nehemiah Gibson	8	Bradford	Amer.	bge.	741	Feb. 23	Butterfield & Swire	Portland (Oregon)
Penobscot	7	Chilman	Amer.	bge.	1133	Feb. 18	Butterfield & Swire	Portland (Oregon)
Onida	5	Clyma	Brit.	eb.	2283	Mar. 13	Master	Portland (Oregon)
Quickstep	8	Barnaby	Amer.	bge.	1861	Mar. 9	Butterfield & Swire	Portland (Oregon)
Republic	8	Holmes	Amer.	sch.	581	Mar. 16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Stant	7	Aschehoug	Norw.	bge.	586	Jan. 26	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Stillman R. Allen	4	Taylor	Imer.	bge.	1102	Dec. 30	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Stonewall Jackson	4	Barlett	Amer.	bge.	1159	Dec. 17	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Strathmore	4	Miller	Brit.	bge.	500	Dec. 21	Butterfield & Swire	Portland (Oregon)
Sumaridge	4	Pobiasen	Norw.	ab.	943	Jan. 9	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Sydenham	4	Clough	Amer.	ab.	1080	Sept. 8	Russell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Thos. A. Goddard	4	Smith	Brit.	ab.	1068	Jan. 8	Vogel & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Thomas Fletcher	3	Pendleton	Amer.	bge.	645	Feb. 28	Butterfield & Swire	Portland (Oregon)
Three Brothers	2	Kahlke	Brit.	bge.	367	Feb. 24	Ke Tye Hong	Portland (Oregon)
Crano	7	Berg	Norw.	bge.	490	Mar. 20	Arnhold, Kargberg & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
WHAMPOA.								
Friedrich	8	Bertelsen	Ger.	sm.s.	295	Mar. 8	Wieler & Co.	Portland (Oregon)
Johann Schmidt	8	Bosche	Ger.	bge.	483	Mar. 10	Messageries Maritimes	Portland (Oregon)
Lota	8	Dudfield	Brit.	bge.	472	Mar. 17	Order	Portland (Oregon)
Tartar	8	Kaemena	Ger.	bge.	256	Mar. 11	Messageries Maritimes	Portland (Oregon)
CANTON.								
Hwai Yuen	8	Wilson	Chi.	str.	984	Mar. 19	O. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai

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<i>Vessel's Name.</i>	<i>Anchor- age.</i>	<i>Flag.</i>	<i>Class.</i>	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Guns.</i>	<i>H. P.</i>	<i>Date of Arrival.</i>	<i>Commander.</i>	
Armide	7	c	French	Flag-ship (iron-clad)	3800	12	450	Jan. 21	de la Barriere
Ashuelot	6	c	U. S.	corvette	1870	6	700	Feb. 12	Geo. H. Perkins
Charybdis	6	c	British	corvette	1506	17	400	Mar. 19	Chas. F. Rotham
Fly	7	h	British	gun vessel	584	4	120	Dec. 21	M. McNeil
Iron Duke	A. D.	British	Flag-ship (iron-clad)	3787	14	800	Mar. 15	Henry Cleveland	
Lily	6	h	British	gun vessel	700	3	95	Jan. 28	B. E. Cochrane
Mecanee	6	h	British	military hospital	2591	4	.....	.....	.....
Mosquito	6	h	British	gunboat	405	4	50	Jan. 80	Lt.-Com. G. A. Gre
Victor Emanuel	6	h	British	Commodore's flag-ship	3087	20	.....	.....	Commodore Watson
At Canton									
Vigilant	.....	British	despatch vessel	835	2	250	Mar. 20	William M. Ansell	
Wolf	.....	German	gunboat	428	.....	.....	Mar. 18	Becks	